

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF TAP ROCK OPERATING, LLC
TO EXTEND TIME TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS UNDER ORDER NO. R-22603,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION

Tap Rock Operating, LLC (“TRO”) (OGRID No. 372043) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”) to extend the time to commence drilling operations under Order No. R-22603 (the “Order”). In support of its application, TRO states:

1. On March 30, 2023, the OCD issued the Order in Case No. 22933, which:
 - a. pooled all uncommitted interests within the Bone Spring formation underlying a 640-acre, more or less, standard horizontal spacing unit (“Unit”) comprised of the E/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Township 20 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico;
 - b. dedicated the Unit to the Double Stamp Fed Com #113H, #123H, #126H, #133H, #153H, #114H, #116H, #124H, #128H, #134H, #136H, #154H and #174H wells (“Wells”); and
 - c. designated TRO as operator of the Unit and Wells.
2. Paragraph 19 of the Order requires TRO to commence drilling the Wells within one (1) year of the date of the Order unless TRO obtains a time extension from the OCD Director for good cause shown.
3. Good cause exists for a time extension since TRO’s ability to commence drilling the Wells has been impacted by federal permitting delays.

WHEREFORE, TRO requests this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 7, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division enter an order to extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells under the Order until March 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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